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### PLANNING BOARD

## Support is strong for accessory dwellings

By Shelby Macri  
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Agawam would benefit from allowing accessory apartments in single-family homes, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission told the local Planning Board last week.

At the board's Jan. 2 meeting, Becky Basch from PVPC and Marc Strange, Agawam's planning and community development director, presented written plans for a zoning ordinance that would allow so-called in-law apartments — a separate, smaller dwelling unit on the same property as a single-family home. Accessory apartments are seen as a way to keep senior citizens on their property, or in town, after they downsize from the traditional family house.

"These are important because it creates additional housing, especially for the aging population but also for new families," said Strange.

An aging couple could move into an accessory apartment in one of their children's homes, Strange said. Alternatively, they could move into an accessory apartment on their own property, and rent out the main portion of the house to a new family.

Basch said Agawam's seniors — those over 65 years old — are currently 21 percent of the town population, and will grow to 25 percent by 2025.

"There is an increasing Baby Boomer population in town and around the country. Those born during that era are over 65 and are continuing to age, we have to be ready to support them," Basch said. "The town completed a housing production plan and those who did said that the town

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## Play with a purpose



Esra Bas, 4, of Agawam, cuts out paper for a snow-themed picture. Each week's Watch Me Grow session focuses on a distinct set of skills and includes a seasonally themed craft. Meet the new leader of the Agawam Family and Community program, page 2. PHOTOS BY ADRIANNE JOHNSON



Claire Perrone, 2, of Agawam, is excited about getting her hands in a bucket of "snow" during the Agawam Family and Community Program's weekly Watch Me Grow activity on Tuesday. More photos and more information about the program on page 8.

### CITY COUNCIL

## Magovern, Mineo thanked for serving

By Michael Ballway  
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As two new city councilors take their seats this month, town officials are thanking the two longtime lawmakers who ended their terms in 2019.

At its final meeting in December, the council gave keepsake clocks and kind words for Robert Magovern and Joseph Mineo, both of whom are leaving after several terms in office.

"All the people of Agawam are lucky he is here, because he treated every person who lived in Agawam and Feeding Hills like they were his family," said Coun-



Joseph Mineo gives a farewell speech to the City Council last month. Standing behind him are his wife and family, and city councilors Anthony Suffriti and Christopher Johnson. PHOTO BY MICHAEL BALLWAY

### CPA COMMITTEE

## Science park at AHS ready for funds vote

By Shelby Macri  
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The bids are in for Learning Tree Conservation Park, and officials plan to ask for CPA funding this month.

Bids were opened Jan. 7 for construction work on the proposed "outdoor classroom" behind Agawam High School. The apparent low bidder was JL Construction Corp., at \$383,275. CPA Administrator Jennifer Bonfiglio

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**Q & AGAWAM****Mom reaches out to prepare preschoolers, families**

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For many Agawam schoolchildren, the journey to graduation day doesn't start in kindergarten or even in preschool. It begins with an informal outreach by the School Department to families with children as young as a year old — or even newborns. Under the aegis of the Agawam Family and Community Program, the schools get to know young families, advise them on how to prepare their toddlers to succeed in school, and catch learning disabilities or gaps in skills so that they can be addressed before the child even enrolls. The new person leading that effort is Valerie Smart.

**Q: How long have you been a part of the program?**

A: Well, I only recently joined as the outreach coordinator this past October, so I haven't been a part of running the program for very long, although I did attend this program with my kids. I was right here with all these other parents. I like that I'm able to help run it now, because I can speak as an attendee to the parents who come in, and I have background in a classroom.

I know what the classes will require in preschool, like how to hold pencils and crayons correctly. There aren't many things the preschools are looking for, but there are basic skills like holding things, listening to the adult, getting along with other kids, and being able to use their imagination.

**Q: How do you find new families in town?**

A: We have connections with the preschools in the area, both public and private. They are able to give us information and tell us about any parents that are

interested or kids who will be coming into the school soon. Also, a big part of getting the word out there is by word of mouth. We have a Facebook group page and are starting an Instagram account soon, so we have a social media presence.

Though most of our new families hear about the program from their friends, family members, or associates who are a part of the program already.

**Q: What are some of the most important things for parents to do to get their kids ready for kindergarten?**

A: Read, read, read, and then read some more. It's a huge factor for your kids to be able to read and understand things before they get into preschool and kindergarten. Also, it's good to put your kids in a setting where you can mimic the teacher and classroom setting. Any time you can instill listening to the grownup and following directions will be helpful when your child enters preschool. I was a paraprofessional in a preschool classroom, so I know some of the skills the classes will be looking for.

**Q: What's the most common advice you give to parents?**

A: Let them be kids, let them play and develop at their own rate. Don't com-

**Valerie Smart**

**Job:** Outreach coordinator of the Agawam Family and Community Program; formerly a paraprofessional at the town's Early Childhood Center, and previously an attendee (as a mom) of the Agawam Family and Community Program

**Favorite thing about Agawam:** "I love the sense of community, and the small-town feel. I see someone I know everywhere I go."

and it's important to try to enjoy this time, because it goes by fast.

**Q: What's your most-asked question?**

A: Honestly, most parents, especially first-time parents, will ask for recommendations and ask questions about the schools in the area. They ask where to go, which school is best, if there's a specific one to go to, and the answer is that there's no right answer. Agawam offers a few different choices in preschools, so I understand the decision can be daunting. Honestly, no one knows your child and their needs like you do. First-time parents will stress about making the right choice, and there isn't one.

**Q: How are the programs put together?**

A: We usually stick to the already laid out programs of having free play, but on a learning system that's along the lines of what the children will be learning in preschool. The program is a part of the Perry Lane Preschool, so we can take a look at the current curriculum and use techniques in our programs that bring in those concepts they'll be learning. It's not curriculum-based because we're not a classroom, but we use sneaky learning in order to teach the kids important skills while they're playing. First and foremost for the kids is to play; learning will happen organically.

**Q: How do you think of the activities and events you put on?**

A: So much of the job and process is thinking of what kids will want to do and play with. Depending on which program we're putting on, we'll put out skill practicing games or puzzles. We mostly let them play, because that's their

job. Sometimes you can sneakily teach them things while they're playing, but their number-one job is to just play, socialize, and interact with other kids. We need to get the kids used to expressing their imagination and creativity, before they start preschool and kindergarten.

**Q: When you're not working as outreach coordinator, what do you do?**

A: I'm a mom first and foremost. I have two daughters who are 7 and 13. I will always put them and their needs first, [so] when I'm not working I'm helping them out and running around with them. My hobby is writing for a blog I started five years ago. It's called 413mom.com and it's where I post tips and tricks, and general family-inspired content. It's a strictly outside-of-work passion project.

**Q: What do you enjoy most about the Agawam Family and Community Program?**

A: I enjoy being a part of the team that puts this program on. It really is a group effort. We've gotten close and it's more like a family rather than staff working in the same area. I strongly believe in supporting family and using other resources in communities, in order to offer help and support. Our purpose in life is to connect, and I'm happy to be doing that. I hope that I'm offering help and support to those I try helping every day.

*Whom should we interview next? Who has an interesting job, hobby, or story to tell in Agawam and Feeding Hills? Suggest a "Q&Agawam" subject by emailing aan@turley.com*

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should have the accessory apartments."

PVPC held community meetings about accessory apartments in November, and received positive comments about the proposal.

"We're hopeful for the accessory apartments, we haven't heard any negative feedback so far but the City Council has the final say," Strange said. "The zone for the apartments will be in an RA1 zone, which is [currently] for single families. This may be debated and changed at the Planning Board meeting."

As Basch presented the regulations the PVPC's proposed ordinance, Planning

Board Chairman Mark Paleologopoulos pointed out a few concerns.

"These accessory apartments would be similar to tiny houses, so we need to make sure that they comply with the building laws," Paleologopoulos said. "We'll have to send a copy of this to the building inspector, and get his thoughts and notes on it."

He said it's important to make sure accessory apartments don't change Agawam's neighborhood aesthetic. Basch replied that accessory apartments are usually built within the existing house, and if built elsewhere on the property, they typically look like smaller versions of the main house.

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## Term of service



Agawam's city councilors were sworn in to a new two-year term of office on Monday. The councilors, who were elected or re-elected in November, are, from left, Robert Rossi, Gerald Smith, Rosemary Sandlin, Dino Mercadante, Cecilia Calabrese, Christopher Johnson, Anthony Suffriti, George Bitzas, Mario Tedeschi Jr. and Paul Cavallo. Not pictured is Councilor Gina Letellier. PHOTO BY MICHAEL BALLWAY



Agawam's School Committee for 2020-21 also took the oath of office on Jan. 7. Pictured, from left, are Anthony Bonavita, Carmine Mineo, Kerri O'Connor, Wendy Rua, Dawn Dube and Shelley Borgatti-Reed.

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Christopher Johnson, left, was re-elected by his colleagues as City Council president in a unanimous vote. Johnson is checking in with City Council Administrative Assistant Barbara Bard. Standing at right is Councilor Anthony Suffriti. PHOTO BY MICHAEL BALLWAY

## Marine artwork on display at library

The Agawam Library is exhibiting "Under the Sea with the Artwork of John Matlock" this month. Matlock's art features marine life painted in acrylics and is highlighted in the main gallery of the library's entrance.

Matlock hopes to bring awareness to the ever-growing pollution problem in our oceans. His goal is to inspire the protection of endangered species.

His fine attention to detail and a vibrant palette allow the viewer to step into the scene and become one with the painting, embracing the serenity of the underwater world.

He enjoys creating an underwater environment that "helps take you away from the things of man."

Matlock is a second-generation fine artist. Growing up in West Springfield, he studied his father Thomas as he painted landscapes in oil mediums in their basement studio. Matlock studied art at Holyoke Community College and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, concentrating in painting. Over the past 30 years, Matlock has established himself as the top marine life artist

in New England and beyond. His paintings have sold across the country at juried outdoor art festivals, galleries and to private collectors along with multiple corporate commissioned wall murals, earning Matlock a membership nomination to the Ocean Artists Society, founded and run by renowned marine artist and conservationist Bill Wyland.

Matlock chooses acrylic paints as his medium because he feels it is greener for the environment, needing only soap and water rather than solvents to clean up. He hopes to help protect marine life for future generations to come.

The exhibit will be available for viewing during the month of January. Visitors are welcome at the Agawam Public Library during regular open hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Musical couple to give romantic concert

Just in time for Valentine's Day, the Agawam Cultural Council's Applause Series will present a program of romantic music for guitar, mandolin and cuatro on Friday, Feb. 7.

Romanza, a free performance by Connecticut husband-and-wife duo Judy Handler and Mark Levesque, will begin at 7 p.m. in the Senior Center, 954 Main St., Agawam. Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

Handler and Levesque will transport the audience to different parts of the world with lilting Venezuelan vals, rhythmic Brazilian bossa novas, a sizzling tango from Argentina, Puerto Rican popular music played on the national instrument, beautiful Peruvian and Mexican love songs, as well as exciting flamenco music and plaintive Sephardic music from Spain.

The concert is sponsored by TD Bank. The Agawam Cultural Council also thanks the Agawam Special Police, Elaine Carlson, OMG Inc., TD Bank, and

Way Finders Inc. for their support as Applause Series season sponsors.

Additional information on the Applause Series is available at the Agawam Cultural Council web site, [www.agawamcc.org](http://www.agawamcc.org). The Senior Center can be reached at 413-821-0604.

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## Dateline TV special looks at Ziegert case

This Friday, Dateline NBC will kick off its 2020 season with a two-hour profile on the homicide investigation, and subsequent prosecution, of the disappearance and murder of Lisa Ziegert on April 15, 1992, in Agawam.

The program will air locally on WWLP-TV, Channel 22, at 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10.

The show will feature interviews with members of the Ziegert family, Hampden District Attorney Anthony D. Gulluni, including detectives and prosecutors from his office's Unresolved Case Unit, began taking a new approach in attempting to solve the then-23-year-old murder case. Utilizing advancements in DNA testing and technology, specifically Parabon Nanolabs' DNA Phenotype testing, they were able to return to various lists of persons of interest that were developed over the years, and narrow the scope of the investigation.

The show will document the beginning of the investigation in 1992 up until Gary Schara's indictment in 2017 and guilty plea to first degree murder on Sept. 25, 2019.

Ziegert, who grew up in Agawam and worked in the middle school, was abducted from her night job at a card shop on Walnut Street Extension. Five days later, her body was discovered in a wooded area approximately four miles away. The death was ruled a homicide.

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Judy Handler and Mark Levesque will present "Romanza," romantic music for guitar, mandolin and cuatro, at next month's Applause Series free concert. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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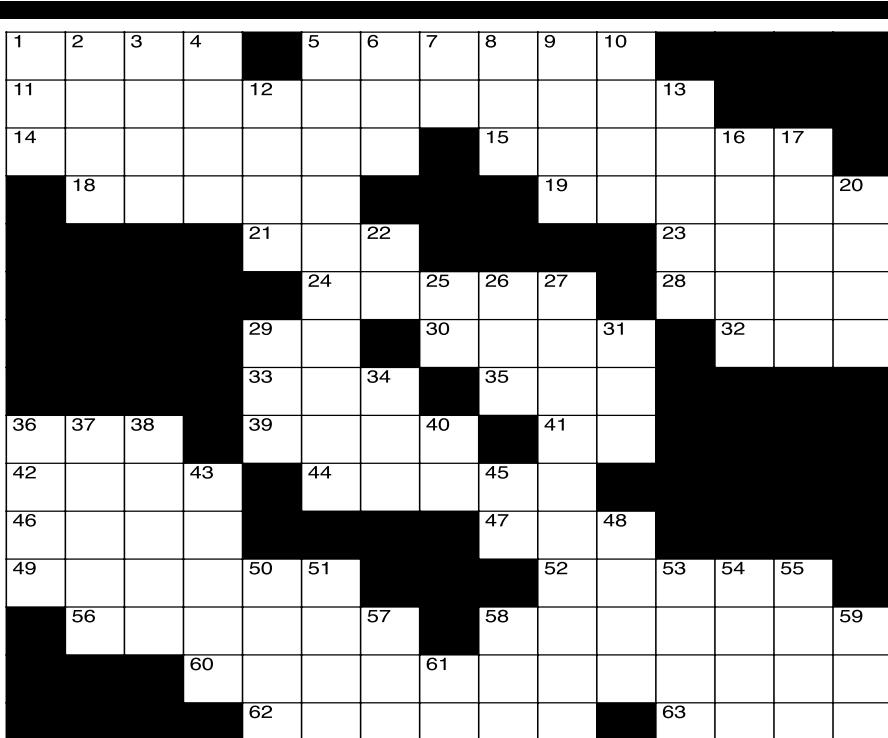
After the Dec. 22 Sunday service at Agawam Congregational Church, members and friends first enjoyed pizza and beverages in the Fellowship Hall before boarding two King Ward vans to go "a-caroling" to 12 different locations to bring the joy of music of the season to shut-ins. The vans returned to the church around 3 p.m. with everyone happy to have brought a small part of holiday happiness to folks.

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One of the stops was at Heritage Woods, where those enjoying Christmas luncheon listened to the Christmas carolers from Agawam Congregational Church.

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### CLUES ACROSS

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- Popular FOX TV show
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- One who graduated
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- Dabbling ducks

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- Biu-Mandara language
- Actress Spelling
- Large hole in the ground
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- Tropical Asian plant
- Concurs
- Latin term for charity
- The number below the line in a fraction
- Reddish browns
- This (Spanish)
- Puts in place
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- In the course of
- Helps injured people (abbr.)
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- Resist authority (slang)
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- Tropical Asian plant
- Perlman
- Jewelled headdress
- Viking Age poet
- Vanuatu island
- Wish harm upon
- Unit of length
- Blood type
- Drain
- Do-gooders
- Advanced degree
- Business designation
- Chinese-American actress Ling
- Performs on stage
- Slang for money
- Large Russian pie
- The Mount Rushmore State
- Narrow inlet
- News organization (abbr.)
- Scarlett's home
- Micturates
- Monetary unit
- Any customary observance or practice
- Sons of Poseidon
- Facilitates grocery shopping
- Standard operating procedure
- Former OSS
- Midway between south and southeast
- The Wolverine State

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## Sen. Humason leaves office with 100% voting record intact

Agawam's state senator, Donald Humason Jr., left the Massachusetts State Senate this week with a perfect voting record.

Humason, a Westfield Republican, was sworn into the state Senate on Nov. 20, 2013, and never missed a roll call vote throughout the six years he served.

"I have taken my job as state Senator very seriously and I feel a tremendous honor and privilege to have represented the 11 cities and towns of the 2nd Hampden and Hampshire district," said Humason. "I did my best to make sure those on Beacon Hill did not forget about us folks out in Western Mass., and even with my long drives on the Pike, I am proud to say that I never missed a roll call vote."

Formal legislative sessions concluded Wednesday, Nov. 20. Humason officially resigned from the Senate on Jan. 6 to take his new job, mayor of Westfield.

"Sen. Don Humason is a pragmatic and

effective leader on Beacon Hill and his perfect voting record in the Senate over his years of service reflects his commitment

to the constituents that he represents as well as to the state Senate and the commonwealth," said Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr. "I'm thankful to Sen. Humason for his service, his significant achievements, and his integrity in public office."

A special election to fill the state Senate seat will be held March 31, with primary elections to choose party nominees on March 3, the same day as the presidential primary election. The district stretches from Tolland in the Berkshires east to four precincts in Chicopee, and includes all of Agawam and Feeding Hills.

Though Humason has resigned, his staff will keep the senator's district and Beacon Hill offices open to provide constituent service. Anyone requiring help from the senator's office can call 617-722-1415.



Don Humason

## Touring troupe brings 'Macbeth' to Agawam High School stage

Agawam High School will once again be the venue for a performance by Shakespeare & Co. from Lenox.

On Wednesday morning, Feb. 12, this professional touring troupe will perform the Bard's famous tragedy of "Macbeth." This condensed, 90-minute performance is geared toward both students and adults. Several auditorium seats will be set aside for general admission, and all are welcome to attend, including homeschooled children and their parents. Admission is free, but tickets must be reserved in advance. For reservations, contact Tina Dunham at 413-783-0502, or [tinamarie154@yahoo.com](mailto:tinamarie154@yahoo.com).

Doors open to the public at 8:45 a.m. at the high school, 760 Cooper St., Agawam. The curtain rises at 9:15 a.m. Limited public parking will be available.

The Agawam Cultural Council is sponsoring this free performance as part of its "Give Back to the Community" program. The council, an all-volunteer agency, is funded in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The council is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining, and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities, and sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.

## Signups open for emergency messages

Residents are invited to sign up for the Agawam Emergency Management Agency's emergency notification system, Code Red.

Each individual can configure the system to send notifications of emergencies in town, as well as traffic and trash pickup no-

tifications. Personal information for each account may be added or deleted via the town website.

To sign up or for more information, visit [agawam.ma.us](http://agawam.ma.us) and click on "CodeRED" in the green box at the right.

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will present the bid to the town's Community Preservation Act Committee at its Jan. 23 meeting. The CPA Committee can then send a request to the City Council to approve funding. If it is approved, construction will start as soon as possible.

"The construction of the project is entirely contingent on the weather," Bonfiglio said. "When it starts to warm up and we're able to start construction, that's when we'll start. The construction will continue through the summer in order for the Learning Tree Conservation Park to be open for the 2020-21 school year."

The fast pace will be a welcome change for project proponents, who have been planning for the outdoor classroom on the 4 acres of town-owned land since 2005. Because access from the high school to the new park would use the sidewalk to the baseball field, the Learning Tree project was placed on hold in 2012 while the town reconfigured and rebuilt the high school athletic fields.

"We didn't know where the baseball field was going, so we didn't know where the sidewalks would go," said Henry Kozloski, chairman of the CPA Committee. "It was always going on that land, but we didn't move forward until the field was complete. It's been a long process."

As it turned out, there were only slight changes to the sidewalk path on the baseball side of the athletic fields. With the field work completed in 2017, the CPA Committee was able to contract with R Levesque Associates Inc. of Westfield to work with

school officials and members of the AHS science department and design an outdoor learning area that would fit their curriculum.

"It went through a long process to get to the design stage, and then designing it to have it match the school," Bonfiglio said. "It'll be in the back of the school with wheelchair-accessible sidewalks to the actual outdoor classroom and to the nature trails. There will be a whole section just for the kids, it's important to be outside, but to also be learning and interacting at the same time."

The City Council authorized spending \$21,000 in CPA funds in April 2019 for the design and engineering work. The design money — and the construction money, if approved — are not part of the town's operating budget, but are funded by a 1 percent surcharge on all Agawam property tax bills, as well as matching grants from the state government. These CPA funds are held in a separate account and can only be spent on housing, recreation, conservation or historical preservation projects.

AHS already has a small parcel of land that its biology, environmental science and horticulture classes use for experiments and observations, but would like to expand its outdoor resources. In April, Kozloski and Assistant School Superintendent Sheila Hoffman said the new park could also benefit other groups at the high school, such as arts and social studies classes, serving as a setting for journaling, photography and sketching.

When not being used by the schools, the park and its walking trails would be open to the public.

## Catholic Healing Mass in Feb.

On Tuesday, Feb. 11, Sacred Heart Parish in Feeding Hills will host its annual Mass of Healing and Anointing.

The observance of the World Day of the Sick was instituted in 1992 by Pope St. John Paul II who designated Feb. 11, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, as a special day in which to pray for those who are sick and suffering in any way.

All are invited to join in a special liturgy

at 6 p.m. The Sacrament of the Sick will be available, as well as the opportunity to be prayed over by one of the many priests and deacons who have been invited to participate.

Following the Mass, there will be a reception at the Parish Center. The church is at 1065 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Both the church and Parish Center are accessible for the physically challenged.

## Non-fiction book club begins in Jan.

The Agawam Library will start a new book discussion group next week. The Non-Fiction Book Club will meet four times throughout the year, potentially growing to a monthly meeting if there is enough interest.

The club begins at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13, with an insightful discussion of "Call Me American" by Abdi Nor Iftin. "Call Me American" tells the "wrenching yet hopeful" story of Nor Iftin's experience growing up amidst violence and poverty in war-torn Somalia.

All meetings will take place at 7 p.m. in the Judith Clini Community Room at the li-

brary, 750 Cooper St., Agawam. Books will be available at the Circulation Desk one month prior to the discussion.

Future books include "Fly Girls: How Five Daring Women Defied Odds and Made Aviation History," by Keith O'Brien, April 3; "One Summer: America, 1927," by Bill Bryson, July 13; and "Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End," by Atul Gawande, Oct. 19.

For more information or to register, contact Adult Services Librarian Cher Collins at 413-789-1550, ext. 8851, or [ccollins@agawamlibrary.org](mailto:ccollins@agawamlibrary.org).

## Cultural Council to meet next month

The Agawam Cultural Council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., Agawam. The meeting is open to the public. There is no cost to join or serve.

Anyone with an interest in providing diverse cultural events for the town should consider joining the Cultural Council. This all-volunteer organization, appointed by the mayor and funded, in part, by the Mas-

sachusetts Cultural Council, is looking for new members.

The Cultural Council is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities. For more information, visit [www.agawamcc.org](http://www.agawamcc.org).

## CPR, AED class slated next week

Sacred Heart Parish will host a CPR and AED class next week.

The class begins at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, with a snow date on Jan. 21.

This class is for non-medical personnel, and is ideal for coaches or others who work near an automated external defibrillator or who wish to learn CPR. Those who hold CPR/AED cards should check the expiration dates; this is a perfect opportunity to recertify.

The cost is \$45 per person to be paid the day of the class, and will be held in the Parish Center at 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. To sign up, call Pastoral Minister Deb Briancesco, RN, at 413-786-8200, ext. 3.

## Wild Goose worship returns

Matthew 18:20 says, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." All are invited to join in song and prayer at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13, in the Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

The group will also continue the rest of the series of the Wild Goose with the Rev. Dave Pivanka. This is a prayer group held on the second Monday of each month. Psalms 95:1 says, "Come, let us sing joy to the Lord, let us shout aloud to the Rock of our Salvation."

For more information, call Pastoral Minister Deb Briancesco at 413-786-8200, ext. 3.

## Nominations accepted for 'Howdy'

For those working in the hospitality industry in Western Massachusetts, "Howdy" is not just a friendly greeting. It's also a recognition for the very best in the field. Now through March 1, the Greater Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau is providing folks an opportunity to thank individuals who provide great service by nominating them for a Howdy Award for Hospitality Excellence at [ExploreWestern-Mass.com](http://ExploreWestern-Mass.com).

For 25 years, the Howdy Awards for Hospitality Excellence program has recognized outstanding restaurant servers, attractions attendants, bartenders, hotel personnel, retail clerks and others across Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin counties.

"It's amazing how popular the Howdy Awards have become, and we work hard to

keep that momentum going," says GSCVB President Mary Kay Wydra. "We started this out over 25 years ago, in the hopes we'd help attract some media attention for the hundreds of good front-line folks who meet and greet visitors every day, and it simply took off."

Winners will be recognized at a dinner Monday, May 18, at the MassMutual Center in Springfield.

The GSCVB, an affiliate of the Economic Development Council of Western Massachusetts, is a private nonprofit destination marketing organization dedicated to promoting Western Mass. for meetings and conventions, group tours, sports and leisure travel. For more information on the GSCVB, visit [www.ExploreWestern-Mass.com](http://www.ExploreWestern-Mass.com).

## AHS COUNSELING BULLETIN

### College acceptances

Congratulations are in order to these students for earning these post-secondary options: Arianna Albano, Southern New Hampshire University; Western New England University; Mia Albano, University of Hartford; University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth; Gabriella Badura, Holyoke Community College, Springfield Technical Community College; Madison Beaulieu, University of Hartford; University of Massachusetts at Lowell; University of New Haven; Western New England University; Worcester State University; Brianna Benjamin, Dean College, University of Hartford; Emily Bonfiglio, Assumption College; Nicholas Brady, Norwich University; Roger Williams University, University of Hartford; University of Massachusetts at Amherst; Wentworth Institute of Technology; Allison Breton, University of New Haven; Deanna Burlachenko, Springfield Technical Community College; Ruby Chenevert, Dean College, Keene State College, Plymouth State University; Western New England University; Sydney Dietrich, Western New England University; Arianna Donovan, Dean College; Mackenzie Douglas, Western New England University; Westfield State University; Katherine Dustin, Trinity College; Tessa Fitzgerald, Bridgewater State University; Farnham State University; Keene State College, Western New England University; Jaylee Hiersche, Emerson College, Emmanuel College, Suffolk University, University of Massachusetts at Amherst; University of Rhode Island; Rhiannon Hodovanec, University of Bridgeport; Kayligh Ingham, Westfield State University; Madison Manser, Anna Maria College, Nichols College, Plymouth State University, Sa-

lem State University, University of New England, University of Southern Maine, Western New England University; Zachary Moccio, Bentley University; Zachary Quick, Drexel University; Ashley Reagan, Westfield State University; Nicholas Sibilia, Holyoke Community College, University of Bridgeport; Mikayla Sole, Western New England University; Cassie Reed, Salve Regina University, Stonehill College, University of Rhode Island; Sydney Trigilio, University of Vermont; James Tyrowicz, Bentley University; Ryan Wargo, Roger Williams University; Zack Wieners, Bridgewater State University; Champlain College, Framingham State University, Roger Williams University, University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

### Special interest programs

UMass-Amherst has put together an exciting lineup of pre-college programs for the summer of 2020 at [umass.edu/summer/programs/academic-programs](http://umass.edu/summer/programs/academic-programs). In addition to popular returning programs such as the McCormack Sport Leadership Academy, Summer Engineering Institute, Summer Design Academy, and many others, the following are new programs for 2020: Introduction to Programming in Processing; Foundations of Music Theory; Forensic Science: Crime Scene Investigation; Foundations of Data Science; Architectural & Landscape Watercolor Rendering; and Economics of Hunger. If you have questions about these programs, contact Ben Mitchell, Summer Programs Coordinator, at [bmitchell@umass.edu](mailto:bmitchell@umass.edu).

Springfield Technical Community College and Holyoke Community College are again offering the chance for current juniors and seniors to take up to

one free course in the fall and spring semesters through the College Now program. This is a great way to earn college credits while in high school while trying courses that may be helpful in exploring a potential career interest. The spring 2020 courses for STCC are now posted at [stcc.edu/explore/schedules/all-spring-2020](http://stcc.edu/explore/schedules/all-spring-2020).

### Scholarship information

Students should see their counselor or visit the websites below for more information or an application.

The Charitable and Educational Trust of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Order Sons of Italy in America, is offering 20 scholarships (maximum value of \$1,000) to eligible high school seniors. Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 1. Visit [osita.org/scholarship](http://osita.org/scholarship) for details.

The Red Pine Scholarship awards to as much as \$20,000 annually to students from low-to-middle-income families in Massachusetts, for tuition assistance, mentoring, and other flexible financial supports. More information and application instructions are available at [tpi.org/scholarship/red-pine-scholars-program](http://tpi.org/scholarship/red-pine-scholars-program). Applications are due Feb. 14.

The Yawkey Scholars Program is designed to make college affordable for talented and motivated students from Massachusetts. It provides a four-year renewable tuition scholarship to a Massachusetts private college. Students must meet specific financial guidelines to be eligible. Applications are available at [grantinterface.com/yawkey/common/logon.aspx](http://grantinterface.com/yawkey/common/logon.aspx) and are due Feb. 14. Direct any questions to Elaines Pena at 617-338-5897 or [yawkey@tpi.org](mailto:yawkey@tpi.org).

The William R. Rooney Scholarship is available to high school seniors from Hampden County who have been on an IEP or 504 plan for two years. Visit [horacesmithfund.org](http://horacesmithfund.org) for an application. Applicants must identify their application as specifically for the William R. Rooney Scholarship. The deadline is March 15.

The Walter S. Barr Scholarship is available to residents of Hampden County who are members of the senior class at their local public or private secondary schools. Awards will be made on the basis of all available information, including school records, recommendations and examination scores. Awards will be continued through the

four-year course if the student's record and need justify such continuance. Consideration will be given to both the merit and financial need of the applicant. See [horacesmithfund.org](http://horacesmithfund.org) for details. The deadline is March 15.

The Hampshire Franklin & Hampden Agricultural Society (Three County Fair) offers multiple scholarships each year to graduating seniors in the three counties, with priority given to students pursuing a career in agriculture. Students should also have a record of volunteerism in their community in non-school-sponsored activities and participation in extracurricular school activities.

Students should also have a record of volunteerism in their community in non-school-sponsored activities and participation in extracurricular school activities. Applications are available at [3countyfair.com/p/getinvolved/296](http://3countyfair.com/p/getinvolved/296) and are due April 3.

Applications are now available for the Emily K. Dushane Memorial Foundation Scholarship. Applicants must be graduating from Agawam High School in 2020 and must be attending a college or university (full-time)

this fall. Applications are available in Naviance and are due by April 1.

Applications are now available for the Franco Liquori Memorial Scholarship. Applicants must be an Agawam High School graduate and must have attended Benjamin Phelps School. In addition, the candidate must demonstrate need and academic ability. Scholarships will be made to one male and one female. The committee may require a personal interview. Applications are available in Naviance and must be submitted by April 1.

The Kiwanis Club of West Springfield and Agawam is offering a \$250 scholarship to recognize community service performed by all high school seniors in West Springfield and Agawam. Students must be seeking an undergraduate degree at an accredited college in the fall of 2020. Applications are due May 1 and are available in Naviance.

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# Opinion

## OUR VIEW

### Resolve to make the news in 2020

The first month of the year is a good time to take stock of what's truly important in life. Family, friends, safety, health and wealth, for instance. We make New Year's resolutions to spend more time with those we love, to end bad habits and take up healthier practices.

Here's another thing that's important in the life of every Agawam resident: Community. For many homeowners, the sense of belonging and togetherness is why they chose to purchase a house in town. For children, whether they know it or not, the small-town feel gives them a valuable sense of security throughout the town's schools and youth activities. Those who choose to participate in other aspects of civic life — public events, churches, even simply visiting the parks and library — know that Agawam is more than just an outline on a map, labeled by the numbers 01001 and 01030.

Resolve to help build that community in 2020. Attend an Applause Series event or a SummerFest concert. Keep an eye on the high school calendar and go to a sports game or an arts presentation. Take a walk in the park (it's OK to wait until the weather is nicer — just don't forget). Reconnect with your church, or volunteer for a good cause, whether it's feeding the hungry or saving the environment or helping to organize a civic event.

Support an institution that builds Agawam's sense of community. There's one at hand immediately — the Agawam Advertiser News. This newspaper is Agawam's original virtual meeting place, its bulletin board, its first-draft history book.

Your subscriptions and newsstand purchases keep this forum alive. Just as importantly, your submissions keep this newspaper vibrant. When you're serving on that church or nonprofit committee, send in your press releases and calendar notices about upcoming events. When you're enjoying Agawam's natural treasures, send in your photographs of nature scenes and wildlife encounters to share with your neighbors. When you see something happening in town that lifts your heart, let the newspaper know.

This is a place to share your personal milestones, as well. We print birth, engagement and wedding announcements. Additionally, we print information about a milestone anniversary, major birthday, military achievement and educational honors and awards. Photos to accompany these announcements are always welcome.

We are committed to telling the "good news" stories in our towns. Do you know someone who deserves to be recognized for his or her good works? A community organization helping out? An inspiring teacher or school event? Please contact Managing Editor Michael Ballway with coverage requests by either calling 413-786-7747 or via email at [aan@turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com). If we can't be there, we welcome your submitted stories, briefs and photos.

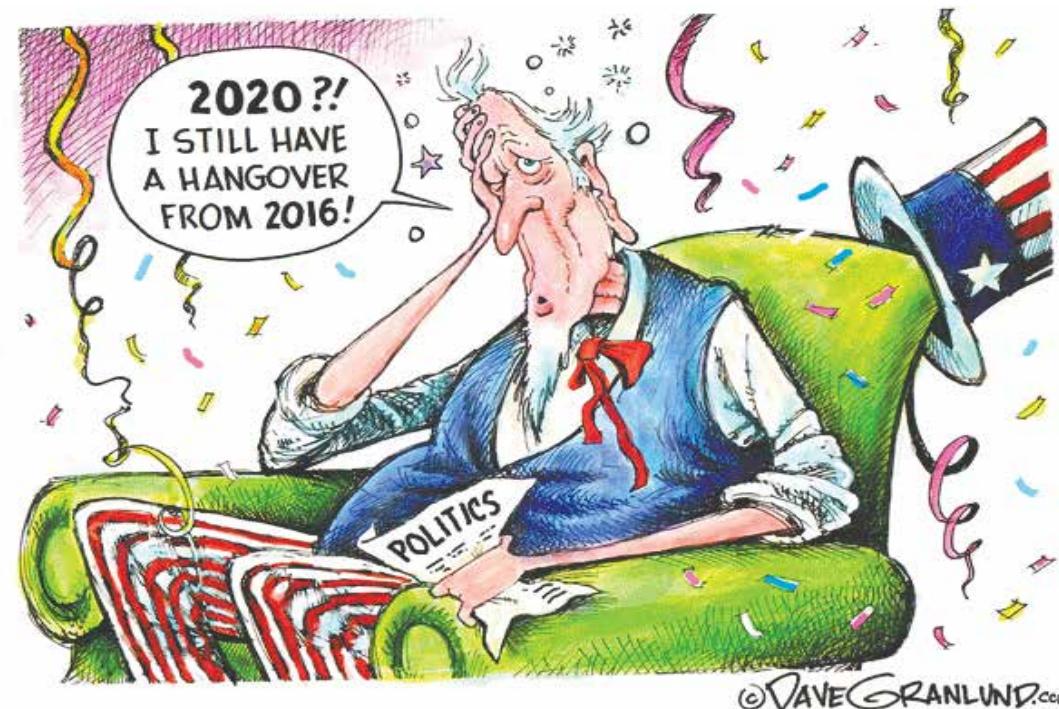
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## NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Why doesn't budget cover Senior Center generator?

The Agawam Senior Center's January newsletter claims that the center's emergency generator needs to be replaced at a cost of \$50,000. The center is only 11 years old, and I'm assuming that the generator is the same age. Friends of the Senior Center are providing \$25,000 of the \$50,000 cost, and is requesting that Aga-

wam residents and local businesses come up with the balance.

How strange. Why isn't the town paying for this? The center is a municipal property, just like a school or the Town Hall. Not long ago, the town paid for a new boiler for one of the schools. The money came from tax receipts. Why isn't the town paying for the

generator?

The town now gets an estimated half a million dollars annually from the recently enacted 3/4-of-a-percent increase in the meals tax. That money alone would pay for 10 generators.

**Mike Marieb**  
Feeding Hills

### Many helped Women's Club with holiday baskets

On Saturday, Dec. 21, the GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club delivered holiday baskets to 20 families and six senior citizens, including gifts of clothing to 50 children and a gift bag of toiletries to seniors. Each delivery contained food towards a holiday meal and a grocery store gift card.

On behalf of our club, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to those who helped us spread this holiday cheer to our less fortunate neighbors this year.

Those who made monetary donations included: Clinical Research Management Group, Mr. and Mrs. Bitzas, McLane and McLane Law Firm, Mayor Sapelli, Agawam Permanent Firefighters Association, staff at Clifford M. Granger School, and Easthampton Savings Bank.

Those who sponsored children included: Agawam Junior High staff, Vantage Sports & Rehab, AJWC club members, families and friends.

Schools that collected food were Clifford Granger Elementary School, James Clark Elementary School, Robinson Park Elementary School, Agawam Early

Childhood Center, and Jump Start Preschool, as well as Troop 11248 under the direction of Aimee Lunden.

Many thanks also to Elaine Bouchard for creating lovely scarves for the families and to Geissler's Supermarket for their generous discount towards the purchase of gift cards for each of the recipients.

Also, we would like to thank Girl Scout Troop 64542, under the direction of Gina Baldyga,

for sorting the food and gifts by family and for providing mashed potatoes and gravy.

Lastly, a special thanks to the Clinical Research Management Group for their generous donation of space to stage our Holiday Basket Program.

We could not have done it without you!

**Susan Godfrey and Christina Beauchemin**  
AJWC Holiday Baskets Co-Chairs



Girl Scouts from troops 11248 and 64542 sort gifts last month for the Agawam Junior Women's Club holiday basket program. SUBMITTED PHOTO

### Town must promote itself to business

As we enter 2020 and the beginning of a new decade, I urge the mayor and the City Council to take an aggressive approach toward developing and attracting commercial development in Agawam. Commercial development pays the highest tax rate and consumes fewer services. Commercial development provides jobs from construction through operation.

A good first step would be the appointment of a Business Development Commission tasked with attracting new and expanding

business to our community. Agawam has much to offer potential commercial and technological companies.

Located at the confluence of Interstates 91 and 90, Agawam offers quick and immediate access to major interstate highways. We are located less than 20 minutes from a major international airport and have access to many colleges and universities, including five world-renowned colleges. Agawam offers competitive residential and commercial tax rates, a good school system and a crime-free commu-

nity, along with many additional and attractive features.

Agawam has a strong message to deliver to potential business looking to locate or expand, but we lack a messenger. A Business Development Commission, with a professional marketing program, would be a positive step forward and would serve as this messenger. I urge the mayor and our City Council to move forward in pursuing this.

**Ron LaRiviere**  
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# Opinion

## COMMENTARY

### Stand up to stop unnecessary gas pipeline

By Susan Grossberg

**B**ecause I believe we may still have a chance to stop this climate crisis and for all the other reasons listed below, I stand in opposition to an Agawam City Council resolution giving Tennessee Gas an easement for an unneeded 2.1 mile pipeline loop in Agawam.

Construction of this pipeline loop, from Compressor Station 261 northwards along Suffield Street will:

- Damage wetlands and streams that are designated and presumed Cold Water Fisheries
- Threaten two endangered species and several species of greatest conservation need
- Cause the clearing of four and a half acres of forests; and
- Pollute thousands of gallons of local water which Tennessee Gas uses for hydrostatic testing before transporting for off-site disposal.

During the last construction project at the compressor station in November of 2017, Tennessee Gas released 16,500 gallons of pipeline wastewater-containing chemicals classified by the EPA as likely carcinogens.

Such deleterious effects might possibly be acceptable if there were a proven need for the project. But there is not. The stated purpose for building this expensive and environmentally threatening new pipeline loop in Agawam was to facilitate an "Alternate Backfeed" to provide additional natural gas to Northampton and Easthampton. But Columbia Gas canceled this Alternate Backfeed. Thus, the rationale for the Agawam pipeline loop has vanished.

This project also proposes replacing two older gas turbines at Compressor Station 261 with a single, more powerful gas-powered turbine. Doing so will have a deleterious effect on air quality in our town, as it is calculated to generate over 11,000 tons per year of emissions polluting Agawam air and contributing to negative health effects for our citizens with asthma, COPD and vascular disease. Agawam's own Board of Health chair, Gladys L. Fernandez-Largay, M.D., along with 100 other boards of health statewide recognizing these health hazards, has urged Gov. Baker not to authorize any new natural gas infrastructure projects until further studies were conducted.

The noise and emissions of the existing gas turbines are already a burden on its neighbors, particularly those of the next-door Longbrook Estates condominium complex. Any change should alleviate that problem, not make it worse. If an upgrade is undertaken, it should use quieter, efficient electric turbines that do not pollute locally and can be converted to reliance on renewable, non-polluting electricity sources as the grid is "greened."

Further, the town has agreed to "sell" this easement to Tennessee Gas for a mere one-time payment of \$150,000. Further documents attached to this proposed agreement appear to include a release by the town of future damages. A release of future damages is literally giving Tennessee Gas a free pass to commit all kinds of bad acts with impunity and with no accountability for the consequences. It also appears that this release of future damages is being granted for no additional consideration. That makes no sense here, where there is real and significant potential harm

to property and the environment from the construction. One need look no further than the illegally dumped contaminated test water during the 2017 construction project at the compressor station to understand the severity of the risk.

And there appears to be no requirement that construction be conducted with proper care and that the work areas be returned to at least their current condition. With no standards for post-construction area rehabilitation and a release of future damages, there is nothing to prevent Tennessee Gas from destroying woodlands and leaving barren dirt and waste piles in their stead.

Finally, the Looping Project would deliver tens of thousands of dekatherms more gas to our region to be leaked as methane or burned as CO<sub>2</sub>, worsening the climate crisis. As stated recently by 11,000 scientists, we are facing a climate emergency

which will affect all of us, and this unnecessary and locally harmful project will only contribute to the danger.

This matter is important. I invite all of you to join me in standing up against this Agawam City Council resolution, TR-2019-82, which is clearly in support of this unnecessary project and could cause real environmental and health damage to Agawam residents, as well as contribute to the climate crisis. Join me at the Agawam City Council meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 7 p.m., at the Agawam Junior High School, to oppose this resolution. When your grandchildren ask you what you did to try to prevent the climate crisis, you could at least tell them that you stood up for them against construction of this unnecessary and harmful pipeline.

Susan Grossberg is an Agawam resident.

### Our Back Pages

From yesteryear's editions of the Agawam Advertiser News, compiled by Michael Ballway.

**A year ago:** Public works officials ensure residents that Agawam's water is safe to drink, despite a letter sent to residents Jan. 11, 2019, detailing higher-than-allowed levels of halogenated acid 5. The contaminant is a byproduct of the water disinfectant process, and elevated levels are due to excess organic compounds requiring treatment in the reservoirs that feed the Springfield water system, of which Agawam is part.

**Five years ago:** Plans for Agawam's Dog Park will shrink after bids came in \$100,000 above

expected in January 2015. With a budget of just \$270,000 from grants, donations and Community Preservation Act funds, the town will build the 2-acre park near Shea Field with fewer amenities than previously planned, and potentially a reduction in size.

**Ten years ago:** Phelps School student Jason Beaver has been named the fastest 8-year-old in the country after running 1.25 miles in 7 minutes, 27 seconds at the AAU Cross Country National Championship, reported the Jan. 14, 2010, Agawam Advertiser News. In 2009, Beaver had set the American record for 7-year-olds in a half-marathon, completing a Connecticut 13.1-mile course in 1 hour, 45 minutes.

## The benefits of local newspapers

**L**ocal newspapers play vital roles in communities across the globe. The Information Age has changed the way many people get their news, but local newspapers continue to serve as valuable resources for readers interested in learning more about and becoming more involved in their communities.

While local publishers continue to adapt to the changes brought about by technology, the following are a handful of benefits unique to local newspapers.

**Local newspapers keep readers up-to-date on their own communities.** Globalization may be here to stay, but that does not mean local communities are no longer home to newsworthy events. National and international newspapers and 24-hour cable news channels can keep men and women up-to-date on national and world news, but in many instances, local newspapers are the only means people have to learn about what's going on in their own communities. Local politics impact residents' lives every day, and local newspapers cover local politics extensively.

**Local newspapers benefit nearby businesses.** Small business owners often connect with community members via local newspapers. A strong, locally based small business community can improve economies in myriad ways, creating jobs in the community and contributing tax dollars that can be used to strengthen local schools and infrastructure. And local newspapers do their part by providing affordable and effective advertising space to local business owners looking to connect with their communities.

**Local newspapers can strengthen communities.** Local newspapers are great resources for residents who want to become more active in their communities and learn more about community events. Local newspapers often showcase community events like carnivals, local theater productions and projects like park cleanups. These are great ways for readers to become more active in their communities and build stronger communities as a result.

**Local newspapers can benefit children.** National newspapers may have



little age-appropriate content to offer young children, but local newspapers tend to include more soft news items than national periodicals, and such stories typically are appropriate for young readers. According to Newspapers in Education, students who participated in an NIE group in Florida performed significantly better in spelling and vocabulary

than nonreaders. Additional studies have indicated that students who use newspapers in the classroom perform better on standardized reading tests than those who do not use newspapers in class.

Many local newspapers have played vital roles in their communities for decades, providing a go-to resource for local readers and business owners.

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# Schools & Youth

## School Lunch

### AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

High schoolers can also substitute a pizza meal for their entrée.

**Monday, Jan. 13:** Popcorn chicken, roasted sweet potatoes, seasoned broccoli, garlic knot; or loaded nachos, seasoned ground beef, lettuce, tomato, salsa, cheese, corn and blackbean salad.

**Tuesday, Jan. 14:** Chicken and waffles with syrup, hash browns, assorted muffins; or grilled cheese and tomato soup, Goldfish crackers, tater tots.

**Wednesday, Jan. 15:** Chicken fillet wrap with assorted sauce, lettuce, tomato, cheese, side of coleslaw.

**Thursday, Jan. 16:** Fresh assorted calzones, garden salad with light dressing; or pasta with meatballs, garlic knot, seasoned vegetables.

**Friday, Jan. 17:** Half day — no lunch.

**Thursday, Jan. 16:** Ultra-grain stuffed crust cheese pizza, salad with light dressing, cookie.

**Friday, Jan. 17:** Half day — no lunch.

### ROBERTA DOERING SCHOOL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

**Monday, Jan. 13:** Popcorn chicken bowl, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, dinner roll.

**Tuesday, Jan. 14:** Nachos, lettuce, tomato, cheese, green beans.

**Wednesday, Jan. 15:** Pasta with meatballs, garlic knot, broccoli.

**Thursday, Jan. 16:** Ultra-grain stuffed crust cheese pizza, salad with light dressing, cookie.

**Friday, Jan. 17:** Half day — no lunch.

### BREAKFAST

The daily breakfast entrée menu was not available at press time. All breakfasts include assorted cold cereal, muffins and pastries, cheese sticks, fresh fruit and orange juice.

**Serving times:** High school, 7 a.m.; junior high, 7:15 a.m.; Granger, 7:55 a.m.; Doering, 8:10 a.m.; Phelps, 8:20 a.m.; Robinson Park, 8:30 a.m.; Clark, 8:35 a.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 15:** Pasta with meat sauce, garlic knot, corn.

**Agawam Junior High School**

### MONDAY, JAN. 13

Chicken nuggets, tater tots, green beans.

**TUESDAY, JAN. 14:** Texas toast grilled cheese, carrot sticks, tomato soup, Goldfish crackers.

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15:** Pasta with meat sauce, garlic knot, corn.

## Six finalists for St. Pat's parade colleen

Agawam's St. Patrick's Committee has named six finalists for next month's Colleen Coronation.

All the finalists are seniors at Agawam High School: Brianna Benjamin and Emma Thomson, 18, and Arianna Donovan, Tessa Fitzgerald, Emelie Oberheim and Brianna Viens, all 17.

"They are all civic minded, with multiple community endeavors to their credit," said Mary Jo Safrord, co-chairman of the Colleen Committee. "They also are scholar-athletes and all work various part-time jobs. They will all be college-bound next year, with their prospective interests in elementary ed-



The finalists in the 2020 St. Patrick's colleen competition are, from left, Brianna Viens, Arianna Donovan, Tessa Fitzgerald, Emelie Oberheim, Brianna Benjamin and Emma Thomson. One will be named Agawam's colleen on Feb. 8; the other five will form her court. SUBMITTED PHOTO

ucation, nursing, physical therapy and psychology."

One will be chosen as the town's 2020 colleen, to represent Agawam during the many events of "Irish Season," culminating in the Holyoke St. Patrick's Parade

on March 22. The rest will serve as the colleen's court. The colleen and her court will ride in the town's parade float.

The coronation will be held Feb. 8 at Oak Ridge Country Club in Feeding Hills. Cocktail hour begins at 5 p.m., with dinner at 6. Advance tickets are required, at \$40. Tickets may be ordered from Laurie O'Connell by emailing Laurie822@comcast.net or texting 413-519-1071.

The coronation will also honor the 2020 parade marshal and winners of the Anne Sullivan Award and Citizenship Award. This year marks the 20th year of Agawam's participation in the Holyoke parade.

## Blood drive slated this month at AHS

The Future Teachers of America at Agawam High School will host a blood drive with Baystate Health on Friday, Jan. 31.

The Baystate Health Bloodmobile will be at AHS collecting blood donations from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call the Baystate Health Blood Donor Program at 413-794-4600.

## Half-day rescheduled for election day

Agawam schools have rescheduled a half-day in early March to match the state's presidential primary election date.

Schools will be in session during morning hours only on Tuesday, March 3. On that day, the high school will dismiss students at 10:50 a.m.; the junior high school, 11:20 a.m.; Doering and Granger schools, 11:50 a.m.;

and Clark, Phelps and Robinson Park schools, 12:20 p.m. School lunch will not be served.

The following day, Wednesday, March 4, will be a full day of school.

Agawam schools will serve as polling places for the March 3 primary election, which will include ballots for president and for state senator. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## Free family events scheduled in Jan.

The Agawam Family and Community Program has announced the following events this month. For all event registrations and questions, email Erin Cosgrove at [ecosgrove@agawamed.org](mailto:ecosgrove@agawamed.org) or call 413-821-0597.

**Coffee and Conversation:** 9:30-10:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 10, and Friday, Jan. 31, in the lower level at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., Agawam. All parents, grandparents and caregivers can bring a topic to discuss, share their parenting experiences or simply enjoy adult conversation. Coffee and tea will be served. Free childcare is provided.

**Watch Me Grow:** 9:30-10:30 a.m. every Tuesday, in the lower level at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., Agawam. This weekly drop-in program for children from birth to age 5 (with parent or caretaker) helps them meet and celebrate their developmental milestones as described in the Ages and Stages Questionnaire. Topics follow a five-week rotation, with activities focusing on the ASQ standards of communication, gross motor, fine motor, problem-solving and personal social skills.

**Shake, Shimmy and Dance:** 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, in the lower level at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., Agawam. Parents and caretakers will participate with their children (ages 12 months to 5 years) in exploring rhythm, beats, songs and movement. Advance registration is required.

Programs are not held if school is closed that day. Agawam schools announce a two-hour delay, all morning programs are canceled.

**Weekly Playgroup:** 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. every

Thursday, in the lower level at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., Agawam. Open to families with children birth to 5 years old, the drop-in playgroup has two age-appropriate rooms for children and a parent or caregiver to learn, explore and build friendships.

**Learn, Play and Grow:** 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, and 9:30-10:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 17, in the lower level at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., Agawam. Children and their caregivers are invited to get out of the house and complete snow-themed activities together, such as a mitten matching game and a snowball toss. Participants can take home a unique snowman craft. Advance registration is required.

**Verity Bertone-Gross, 5, of Agawam plays with Jacob Radwanski, 2, and Carol Radwanski of Agawam during the Watch Me Grow program this week. PHOTOS BY ADRIANNE JOHNSON**



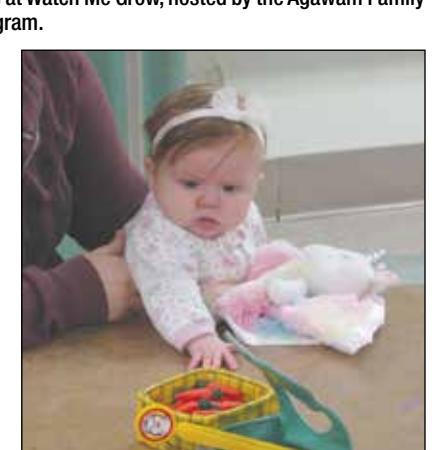
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Jake Huston, 4, of Feeding Hills practices picking up carrots and feeding them to the rabbit, one of several fun activities that develop preschool skills.



Verity Bertone-Gross, 5, reaches in a basket to play with the characters from "Frozen."



Harper Landry, 6 months, of Agawam, reaches for the toys at Watch Me Grow.



Wyatt Bozek, 16 months, of Feeding Hills loves looking at books.



Several families with young children from birth to age 5 participate weekly in Watch Me Grow, on Tuesday mornings at Agawam Congregational Church.

# Obituary



Louis Calabrese

Louis Calabrese died Jan. 4, 2020.

He was born at Springfield Hospital and grew up in Agawam, the son of John and Adeline (Yamin) Calabrese. He attended Agawam High School where he was a proud member of the 1951 Championship Peanut Bowl football team. Upon the early passing of his father, he left school and took full responsibilities running the family pig farm and supporting his mother and three younger siblings, along with serving in the National Guard Armed Forces.

He then went on to work in various heavy equipment and construction jobs, then going on to join the Agawam Fire Department, serving for the next 40 years in positions of line service firefighter, lieutenant, drill instructor, fire inspector and past president of the Agawam Firefighter's Association. He additionally served as an Agawam auxiliary police officer, elected board member and past president of the Massachusetts Association of Fire Inspectors. In retirement, he worked for the Eastern States Exposition security department and managed his hardwood tree farm over 30 years.



Lou leaves his loving wife of 64 years, Carolyn (Fogg) Calabrese; his sons, Joseph Calabrese and his wife Ann of West Springfield and Louis Calabrese and his wife Sandra, also of West Springfield; his daughter, Amy (Calabrese) Mendrala and her husband Michael of Feeding Hills; his five grandchildren, Kristen, Bethany, Chelsea, Hayden and Harrison; his three great-grandchildren, Enzo, Marco and Vincent; his sister Joanne Jensen; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Walter and Beverly Fogg and Jim and Gerry Fogg; along with numerous nieces and nephews and other beloved family members, and lifelong friend John Morassi from Agawam.

Lou was predeceased by his brother John E. Calabrese, his sister Adeline "Pinky" Hauff, his granddaughter Lisa M. Calabrese and his brother-in-law Philip Jensen. Funeral services were Jan. 8 at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, West Springfield, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery, Feeding Hills. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Louis' name may be made to Lisa's Light of Hope, P.O. Box 72, Feeding Hills, MA 01030, or to the Agawam Fire Department, 800 Main St., Agawam, MA 01001. The family would like to especially thank all of his care providers for the comfort they provided him over these few days and weeks.

## DEATH NOTICE

**Calabrese, Louis**  
Died Jan. 4  
Funeral services Jan. 8  
Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home

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## SCHOOL COMMITTEE AGENDA

7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14  
Agawam Junior High School  
1305 Springfield St., Feeding Hills

1. Call to order
2. Moment of silence
3. Roll call of attendance
4. Regular meeting — 7 p.m.
5. Citizen's Speak Time
6. Highlights on Education:  
a. Wright Flight Program at AJHS — N. Robbins & S. Johnson
7. Superintendent's Notes
8. Student Advisory Committee representative update
9. Unfinished business:  
a. SCR-19-30, Request Relative to Civil Service Positions in the Agawam Public Schools
10. Business meeting  
a. Routine matters  
1) Approval of minutes  
2) Calendar/correspondence  
b. Warrants/transfers  
c. Reports:  
1) Scheduled Reports:  
• 2020-2021 AHS Program of Studies — T. Schnepf  
2) Subcommittee updates
12. New business:  
a. SCR-20-01, Adoption of the 2020-2021 School Calendar
13. Any other items that may legally come before the committee
14. Adjournment

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### LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 6:00 PM at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Anna Chuduk on a zone change request for 266 Walnut Street, Parcel ID JIS-2-4, from Business A to Industrial A. Copies of the proposed zone change can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office between the hours of 8:30AM and 4:30PM in the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

BY ORDER OF:  
**Mark R. Paleologopoulos,**  
Chairman  
Agawam Planning Board  
1/02, 1/09/2020

The Petitioner requests that: **John J Ferriter** of Holyoke MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in **an unsupervised administration**.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **01/20/2020**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

#### UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon.

**Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: December 18, 2019

**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
Register of Probate  
1/09/2020

**Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Division  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-8600**

Docket No. HD19P2465EA

#### Estate of:

**John Louis Bryant**  
Also Known As:  
**John L. Bryant**  
Date of Death:  
**June 19, 2019**

#### INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **John A. Bryant** of Feeding Hills, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**John A. Bryant** of Feeding Hills, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without** surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

1/09/2020

#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT HAMPDEN, Div. Probate & Family Court Dept.

**HD19E0058PP**  
To Peter J. McLaughlin of Westfield, in the County of Hampden, and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Mark S. McLaughlin of Russell, in the County of Hampden, representing that they hold as joint tenants an undivided part or share of land lying in Agawam, in the County of Hampden, setting forth that he desires that all of said land may be sold at private sale or public auction for not less than One Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Five Hundred (\$177,500.00) Dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof after

full adjudication of the equitable claims contained in said petition and supplemental memorandum filed with the Court.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at **Springfield** before **ten o'clock in the forenoon on the seventh day of February, 2020**, the return day of this citation.

Witness, **BARBARA M. HYLAND**, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this nineteenth day of December, 2019.

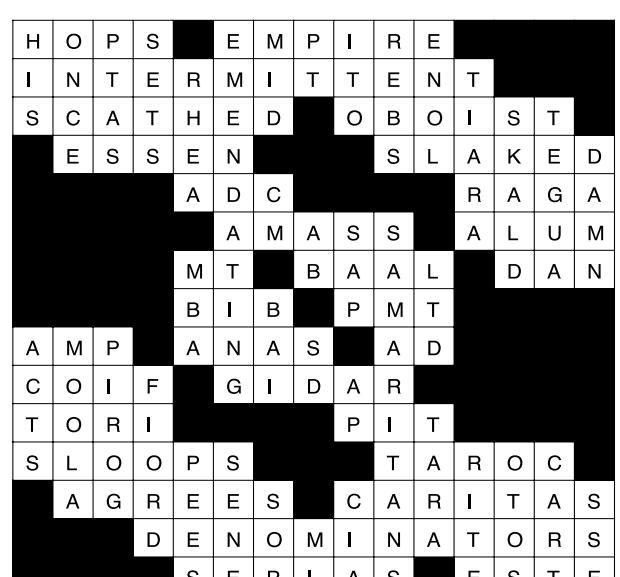
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1/09, 1/16, 1/23/2020

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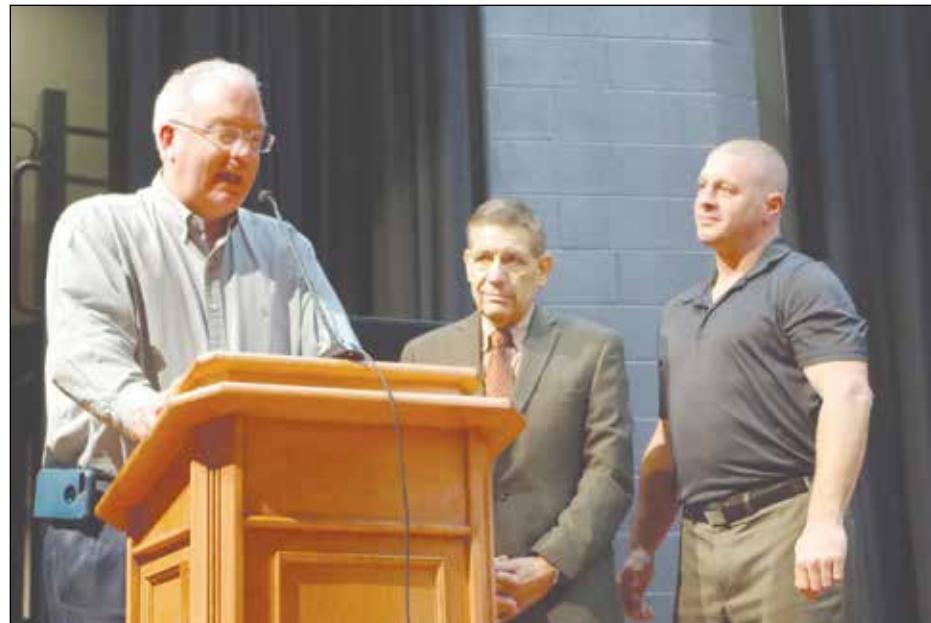
cil President Christopher Johnson of Mineo. "No matter what the issue was, no matter who was affected by it, Joe treated it like it was his family."

Surrounded by his family — wife Anna and children Carmino, Luca and Joanna — Mineo continued the family theme.

"Probably the one thing I regret is that I didn't spend enough time with my family," he said.

He thanked his family, as well as the past councilors who guided him as he learned the legislative process, and all the voters who supported him, particularly those who put up his campaign signs.

"Joe never forgot who he worked for," said Councilor Cecilia Calabrese. "He worked for the citizens of



City Council President Christopher Johnson thanks Joseph Mineo for his service on the council. Standing at right is Councilor Anthony Suffriti. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL BALLWAY

Agawam."

Mineo had announced in 2017 that 2018-19 would be his final term on the

council, and he did not run for re-election last year. He said he was pleased to see former high school teach-

er and coach Gerald Smith, and former Planning Board member Mario Tedeschi Jr., elected to the City Council.



Robert Magovern

"I think this is going to be a great council going forward for the next two years," Mineo said.

Though Mineo won't be on the council for the first time since 2000, the family is still involved in Agawam politics, as his son Carmino Mineo was re-elected to the School Committee.

Councilors also said

farewell to their colleague Robert Magovern, who was not present at the Dec. 17 meeting. Magovern, who has served several terms on the council over the past couple decades, lost his bid for re-election in November, finishing 13th among the 15 candidates. His history of service in Agawam includes helping to found the St. Patrick's Committee, president of the Rotary Club, and runs for mayor and state Senate. He also serves on the board of trustees at Westfield State University.

"Bob has worked very hard for the people of Agawam," said Johnson. "We're going to miss his knowledge, especially his knowledge of the history of Agawam."

Councilor Gina Letellier also paid tribute to Magovern's longstanding service.

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Left: High school junior Emma Rubacha, an Arts Honors I student who likes to sketch two to three times a day, has a sketch book filled with her drawings. She displayed some of her sketches at the Winter Arts Festival.

## Student works



Asude Kumas, a junior at Agawam High School, adjusts a piece of art she displayed at the Winter Arts Festival on Dec. 18. Enthusiastic about space, the Arts Honors I student painted a modified version of the NASA logo, with an astronaut sliding down the red slash in the middle. More photos from the arts festival were printed in the Jan. 2 edition of the Agawam Advertiser News. PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

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# SPORTS

## HOCKEY

### Brownies fall in opening game of 'Classic'

By Tim Peterson  
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HOLYOKE — The Chicopee hockey team didn't have very much trouble advancing into the championship game of the Chicopee Winter Classic for the second consecutive year.

The Pacers scored three goals during the first 10 minutes of the opening period and coasted to a 5-1 semifinal victory over the Agawam Brownies at the Fitzpatrick Ice Skating Rink located in Holyoke on Dec. 26.

"We won our first three games of the regular season, but I thought we played an exceptional game today," said Chicopee head coach Al Styckiewicz. "We were very intense and everyone played very well."

The Pacers finished the 2019 portion of the regular season schedule with a 4-1 record, as they lost to West Springfield, 4-2, in the championship game the following night. The Terriers scored all four of their goals during the second period.

A year ago, the Pacers lost in the Winter Classic finals to cross-town rival Comp in overtime.

Agawam was invited to play in the Winter Classic for the first time.

"I'm very glad that we were invited to play in this tournament for the first time," said Agawam head coach Rich Feeley. "I wish that we had played a little bit better at the start of the game. We played a little bit better during the second and third periods, but the way that we played in the first period was very disappointing. Chicopee just took advantage of their opportunities."

The Brownies entered 2020 with a 3-2-1 record. They got back on the right track again the following night by defeating Chicopee Comp 4-3 in overtime of the consolation game. They then played another game at the Olympia Ice Center located in West Springfield against East Longmeadow on December 28. The Brownies celebrated a 2-1 win in that one, as senior Michael Beaudry scored the game winner with ten seconds remaining in regulation.

While it was a great way for the Brownies to conclude 2019, they came out a little bit flat against the Pacers in the semifinal game of the Winter Classic.

Chicopee took a 1-0 lead on a goal by freshman Tyler Bielecki, which was assisted by senior Austin Scott 21 seconds into the first period.

The duo of Scott and Bielecki hooked up again six minutes later. This time, Scott scored his first

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### Brownies struggling early this season

The season for the Agawam High School girls basketball team has not been going as well as expected. The Brownies are out to tough start in the 2019-2020 campaign with a now 2-5 record. Agawam was 2-2 to start the year, but

has since suffered three straight losses, falling to Westfield, Sabis, and Chicopee. Agawam hopes to rebound coming up on Friday night when it faces Northampton in what is hopefully its first home game on Friday, Jan. 10.



Stephanie Maloni pushes a pass to the middle during an Agawam matchup against Monson last month. PHOTOS BY LISA THOMAS-DUFRESNE



Delaney Brown fights to keep the ball from going out of bounds.



Nadia Ghareeb holds the ball away from her opponent.



Payton Lemke fakes with the ball as she tries to change directions.

## WRESTLING

### Tomkiel Tournament cancelled by ice storm

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
gscibelli@turley.com

A holiday tradition was still set to go on despite the construction of new bleachers in the Agawam High School gymnasium.

But the elements would not allow it and Athletic Director David Stratton was forced to cancel the annual event for the first time in several years.

It was unsure whether Agawam was even going to be able to have the event after a lack of bleachers for the last four months caused Agawam to move all of its home games for girls volleyball in the fall and the first month of boys and girls basketball.

Agawam is currently set to have its first home games during the next week.

Stratton brought in temporary seating to allow girls volleyball to play its final home game in late October, and was going to invite patrons of the Tomkiel Tournament to bring their seating to event.

"We mostly have wrestlers going in and out of that gym and the auxiliary gym," said Stratton. "So fans we would have bring their own chairs, and even they are going in and out."

The gymnasium itself is usable and physical education glasses and practices were able to be conducted there in the fall and early winter. But a lack of seating for fans led to games being moved away from Agawam High. Girls volleyball played several games at Agawam Junior High School. Boys and girls bas-

ketball have played their entire first month of games on the road, and will not get the missed home games back.

The Tomkiel Tournament has been rescheduled once, but has not cancelled in a longtime. The tournament was named for a longtime Agawam wrestling coach and has hosted teams from all over the region. There are often 10-15 teams represented at the various weight classes,

and Agawam has won its share of Tomkiel Tournaments. The tournament is one of the only ones held in Western Massachusetts during the holiday week. Holyoke used to host a major tournament, but it was discontinued when coach Joe Griffin stopped coaching the team.

With the elimination of the

tournament, Agawam's only holiday action was taking some wrestlers to the Lowell Holiday Tournament on Dec. 27, one of the most difficult holiday tournaments in New England.

Agawam then participated in another tournament on Jan. 4, the Fairfield Invitational in Fairfield, Conn.

Agawam returned to dual meet action this week against Central.

Coming up, the Brownies will participate in the Lawless Invitational at Canton High School. Then the Brownies will head to Chicopee High School for a dual meet on Wednesday, Jan. 15. Chicopee now co-ops with Chicopee Comprehensive. Agawam finally hosts a meet on Jan. 23 against Mahar Regional.

# Sports

## The Week Ahead

**Boys Basketball**

Friday, Jan. 10      Away      Putnam 7 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Jan. 14    Away      Commerce 7 p.m.

**Girls Basketball**

Friday, Jan. 10      Home      Northampton 7 p.m.  
 Monday, Jan. 13    Home      Belchertown 7 p.m.

**Ice Hockey**

Thursday, Jan. 9     Home      Chicopee Comp 8:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, Jan. 11    Home      Chicopee 8 p.m.

**Indoor Track**

Friday, Jan. 17      Away      Chicopee 3:45 p.m.

**Swimming**

Friday, Jan. 10      Away      Longmeadow 4 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Jan. 14    Home      Belchertown 4 p.m.

**Wrestling**

Wednesday, Jan. 15    Away      Chicopee 7 p.m.

## Agawam drops league game to Chaug



Owen Connery possesses the puck just inside the offensive zone during Agawam's 6-0 loss to Minnechaug Jan. 4.

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Dylan Slioch watches the puck as he takes possession.



Mitchell Drewnowski glides toward the blue line.



Robert D'Angelo pursues a Minnechaug forward.

## Media open house slated for tournament proposal

There will be a media session for the MIAA State Wide Tournament Presentation from the MIAA Tournament Management Committee (TMC) on Thursday, Jan. 9 at the MIAA offices in Franklin from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The MIAA will hold a media open house with TMC representatives Jim O'Leary (St. John's Prep), Johanna DiCarlo (Westborough), Shaun Hart (Burlington) and Sherry Bryant (MIAA Liaison) to present the MIAA Statewide Tournament Proposal. A question and answer session

will follow the brief presentation.

On behalf of member schools, the TMC committed two-years to the development of the current Statewide Tournament Proposal. Numerous TMC presentations at various venues led to membership feedback, suggestions and recommendations which sparked and guided TMC discussions resulting in the development of this updated proposal. This presentation will provide the most recent proposal which has received support from the MIAA Board of Directors.

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goal of the game, which was assisted by Bielecki.

"We just put that line together before the start of the game," Styckiewicz said. "It worked out very well for us."

With six minutes remaining in the opening period, Scott tallied his second goal, which was a short-handed, after receiving a pass from Bielecki.

Scott had a chance to record a hat-trick in the first period, but a shot attempt on a breakaway was saved by Agawam senior goalie Nick Brady with four minutes left.

The Brownies had another power-play late in the first period, but the Pacers entered the second period holding a 3-0 advantage.

The only goal of the second period was scored by Chicopee junior Jakob Raliegah at the 6:46 mark. It was assisted by freshman Trey Terlik.

With 9:43 remaining in the third period, Scott was ejected from the game following an unsportsmanlike penalty.

"I'm very disappointing with the ejection of one of my players," Styckiewicz said. "Because the misconduct penalty has changed every year, I'm

not really sure how many games he'll have to miss."

The Brownies finally got on the scoreboard with 3:50 left in regulation following an unassisted goal by senior Dylan Sliech.

It ended Chicopee sophomore goalie Dylan Rooney's shutout bid.

The Pacers capped off the scoring with a goal by senior Kendall Walsh with 28 seconds left. It was assisted by senior Alex Assab and Bielecki.

Agawam and Chicopee are scheduled to face each other for the second time this season at the Olympia Ice Center on Jan. 11.

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## Out & About

Out & About is a community calendar for Agawam and neighboring towns. Free listings are available for non-commercial, non-political entertainment or educational events that are free to attend, or fundraisers that benefit a non-profit organization. Only events in Agawam or one of its immediate bordering towns, or events that benefit an organization based in Agawam, will be listed. Submitted items should be brief, with only time, date, location, activity explanation, and contact information, and may be edited for length and style. Items may be sent to [aan@turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com), faxed to 413-283-7107 or mailed to Agawam Advertiser News, c/o Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069. The deadline for calendar listings is noon Friday, the week before that Thursday's newspaper.

**Thursday, Jan. 9**

CELLPHONES AND CANCER talk in the Community Room at the Mason Square Library, 765 State St., Springfield, 6 p.m. Last Tree Laws Director Kirstin Beatty will lead the discussion on the health risks of wireless networks. Show date is 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10. More info and registration: [lasttreelaws.com](http://lasttreelaws.com).

**Saturday, Jan. 12**

WORLD WAR II HISTORY TALK at Classical Condominiums, 235 State St., Springfield, 2 p.m. Free. Derek Strahan, president of the Springfield Preservation Trust, will discuss his grandfather's experience in the Army Air Forces during World War II, accompanied by photographs his grandfather took, as well as letters and other documentation. Hosted by Historical Classical Inc.

**Tuesday, Feb. 4**

'EATING TO THRIVE' LECTURE at the YMCA of Greater Westfield, 67 Court St., Westfield, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Free. Andrea Luttrell, registered dietitian and labor and delivery nurse, will share easy tips on preparing balanced meals on a family

## Agawam Senior Center

**Lunch Menu**

**Monday, Jan. 13:** Baked fish, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, banana.

**Tuesday, Jan. 14:** Spaghetti and meatballs, homemade tomato sauce, glazed carrots, fresh pear.

**Wednesday, Jan. 15:** Glazed chicken drumsticks, rice with beans, broccoli, sliced apples with cinnamon.

**Thursday, Jan. 16:** Beef stew, mixed vegetables, biscuit, Caesar salad, pudding.

**Friday, Jan. 17:** Macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, cornbread, mixed fruit.

**Daily Events**

**Monday, Jan. 13:** Yoga (\$6), 8:15 a.m.; line dancing (\$3), 9:45 a.m.; vision support group, 10 a.m.; gentle yoga (\$6), 11:30 a.m.; bridge group, 12:30 p.m.; bingo, 1 p.m.; Zumba Gold (\$6), 5:30 p.m.; cancer support group, 6 p.m.

**Tuesday, Jan. 14:** Weight training, 8:30 a.m.; open knit, 9 a.m.; computer help — ask the

budget. Participants receive a gift bag with handouts and coupons. Registration required by Jan. 27 at 413-568-8631. More info: Cindy Agan, [cagan@westfieldymca.org](mailto:cagan@westfieldymca.org).

**Wednesday, Feb. 5**

SPAGHETTI SUPPER at Elm-Belcher Masonic Lodge, 53 River St., Agawam, 4:30 to 7 p.m. All you can eat for \$9 for adults, \$5 for children under 12, \$4 for veterans and first responders, free for active-duty military. All are welcome.

**Friday, Feb. 7**

ROMANTIC MUSIC CONCERT as part of the Aga-

techs, 10 a.m.; Zumba Gold (\$6), 10:15 a.m.; ladies-only billiards, noon; Senior Cinemas ("Quartet"), 12:30 p.m.; mah jongg, 12:30 p.m.; Mexican train dominoes, 12:30 p.m.; canasta, 1 p.m.; writing group, 1:30 p.m.; yoga (\$6), 4:30 p.m.; beginner line dance, 6 p.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 15:** Yoga (\$6), 8:15 a.m.; gentle yoga (\$6), 9:45 a.m.; bereavement group, 10 a.m.; Meet the Mayor, 10:30 a.m.; bridge, 12:30 p.m.; ballroom lesson (see staff), 1 p.m.; Golden Agers Chapter 1 meeting, 1:30 p.m.; Jack Welch available by appointment, 2 p.m.; Zumba Gold (\$6), 5:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 16:** Foot care by appointment; weight training, 8:30 a.m.; Quilting Club, 9 a.m.; Wii Sports, 10:15 a.m.; reiki (\$10), 10:30 a.m.; bridge, 12:15 p.m.; Mexican train dominoes, 12:30 p.m.; open art, 1 p.m.; yoga (\$6), 4 p.m.

**Friday, Jan. 17:** Yin Yoga (\$6), 8:15 a.m.; Let's Paint (\$10), 9:15 a.m.; tai chi (\$6), 10 a.m.; canasta, 1 p.m.; cornhole, 1 p.m.; cribbage, 1 p.m.; card games, 1 p.m.

wam Cultural Council's free Applause Series. Doors open at the Senior Center, 954 Main St., Agawam, at 6:15 p.m.; the concert begins at 7. Judy Handler and Mark Levesque will feature Spanish and Latin American music for guitar, mandolin and cuatro. More info: 413-821-0604 or [www.agawamcc.org](http://www.agawamcc.org).

**Sunday, Feb. 9**

BUILDING TOURS of the former Classical High School, 235 State St., Springfield, 2 p.m. Free. Participants will see how the former high school was converted into condominiums 30 years ago. Hosted by Historical Classical Inc.

**ONGOING**

NAMI CONNECTION, a free, peer-led support group for adults who are concerned about their mental health, meets Thursdays, 2-4 p.m., in the NAMI Western Massachusetts office at 324A Springfield St., Agawam. For more information, call 413-786-9139 or email [information@namiwm.org](mailto:information@namiwm.org).

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS can help with eating problems. Meetings are held throughout Western Massachusetts, including regular meetings in Agawam. There are no dues, fees, weigh-ins or special foods to buy. All are welcome. For more information, call Springfield Answering Services at 413-783-4198 or Marcia at 703-415-6744, or visit [www.oawmass.org](http://www.oawmass.org).

THE TRADING POST consignment shop is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays at First Baptist Church, 760 Main St., Agawam. The Trading Post carries a variety of items, including clothes, shoes, handbags, jewelry, books, toys, household and gift items. Donations are welcomed during store hours.

THE AGAWAM ST. PATRICK COMMITTEE meets the second Wednesday of each month, September through June, at 6:30 p.m. in the Peirce Conference Room at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. For information on how to join, call Vera Conway at 413-786-3247 or email [RosemarySandlin@gmail.com](mailto:RosemarySandlin@gmail.com).

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers a free "Crochet Club" the first and third Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. All are invited to join, including men and women and beginners to experienced crocheters. Drop-ins welcome. Hooks and yarn available if needed. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

# Career & EDUCATION

## Hampden Charter School of Science accepting applications for 2020-21 School Year

**H**ampden Charter School of Science is accepting applications in grades 6th-10th for the 2020-21 school year. The deadline for applications is Sunday, March 8th. Apply now at [www.hampdencharter.org](http://www.hampdencharter.org) or join one of the open houses.

### The Path to a Better Future

Hampden Charter School of Science (HCSS) is a top-ranking free college-preparatory public school founded in 2009 and serving families with students in grades 6th-12th at two campuses in Western Massachusetts: HCSS-East (Chicopee Campus) and HCSS-West (W. Springfield Campus).

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- Project-based instruction and contextual learning
- Developmentally appropriate and data-driven instruction by dedicated and highly qualified teachers
- High-level academic discussions in all subjects to improve critical listening, thinking, and analysis skills
- Offering 14 AP (Advanced Placement) courses beginning in 9th grade
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- A curriculum that fosters inquiry, discovery, innovation, and collaboration
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- Named one of U.S. News & World Report "Best US High Schools" in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019.

- Recognized by the MA Department of Education as a Level 1 School (highest performing) and awarded "Proven Provider" status in 2016

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HCSS-West .....	SAT, FEB 1.....	10:30am -11:30am
Holyoke Library .....	WED, FEB 5.....	6:00pm -7:00pm
Chicopee Library.....	SAT, FEB 15 .....	10:30am -11:30am
HCSS-East .....	WED, FEB 26.....	6:00pm-7:00pm
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### Academic Excellence

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For students seeking an advanced level of focused direction, they may choose to

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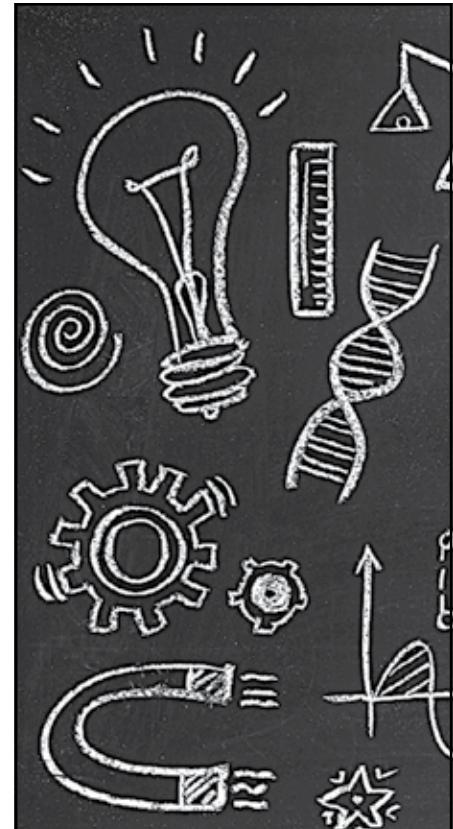
Students of all faiths and religious backgrounds find a welcome environment at Pope Francis Prep. As a Catholic school, faith plays an important part in the lives of all their students. Regardless of a family's religious affiliation, learning about world religions, growing spiritually, and having the opportunity to examine faith from a safe vantage point offers students a deeper understanding of the global world. At Pope Francis Prep, students

readily embrace a commitment to selfless service to others.

### A Strong Community

Pope Francis Preparatory School is committed to developing and nurturing the whole student, whether in the classroom, on the field, or out in the community. They strive to develop students who are respectful and responsible role models in all facets of their lives. With a myriad of co-curricular activities available, Pope Francis students have an opportunity to learn and develop beyond the classroom.

To support families, Pope Francis Prep offers convenient bus transportation to and from school at no extra expense, as well as free breakfast and lunch served daily. To learn more about Pope Francis Preparatory School, including affording a private Catholic education, prospective families can call 833-999-7673 or visit [popefrancisprep.org](http://popefrancisprep.org).



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## Saint Joan of Arc embraces traditions and education

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# Career & EDUCATION

## Westfield State University offering Addiction Counselor Education Program

The College of Graduate and Continuing Education at Westfield State University is now accepting applications for the 2020/2021 Addiction Counselor Education (ACE) Program. Classes will be held on evenings and weekends starting in September and ending in May.

The goal of this non-credit certificate program, offered at the University since 1991, is to provide students with the knowledge, skills, and techniques necessary for the successful treatment of individuals and families afflicted by alcoholism and/or other drug addictions. This program has been highly instrumental in the professional development of individuals in the western Massachusetts area whom are currently working in or interested in becoming a part of the growing healthcare field of addiction services.

To help with this mission, Westfield State University is also offering the

ACE program at a satellite location in Pittsfield, where the aim is to help train potential counselors who live or work in the Berkshires area with the goal of filling critical positions in treatment facilities that are currently understaffed and unable to fill open positions. Classes for the Berkshires program begin in March and end in November.

Applications for both programs are currently being accepted and can be found on the website [www.westfield.ma.edu/ace](http://www.westfield.ma.edu/ace). For more information or to have an application mailed to you, contact Brandon Fredette at [bfredette@westfield.ma.edu](mailto:bfredette@westfield.ma.edu) or (413) 572-8033.

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# Career & EDUCATION

## Worried about student debt? STCC offers affordability, flexibility, opportunity

**W**hen he was deciding where to attend college, Mohamed Gabriel considered starting at a four-year university. But he ultimately decided to enroll at one of the most affordable higher education institutions in the region: Springfield Technical Community College.

"The expenses I would have been faced with (at a four-year university) would've forced me out of school for sure," said Gabriel, of West Springfield.

At STCC, Gabriel not only stayed in school and kept his expenses down, he thrived. He graduated with honors from STCC in May with an associate degree in engineering and science transfer. His next step is to pursue a bachelor's degree.

"I'm glad I made the decision to attend STCC, because compared to a four-year university, I ended up earning my associate degree at the cost of just one year at a four-year school – all while I was able to work and support my family," Gabriel said. "I met and know a lot of students who chose to come to STCC mainly for its affordability as well as its excellent programs."

Students can save money by starting at STCC and then transferring to a four-year college or university. Data from the Massa-

chusetts Department of Higher Education shows precisely how much students will save by starting at STCC rather than at a four-year institution.

During fiscal 2019, tuition and fees for a full-time student at STCC totaled \$6,306. The fiscal year ran from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019.

During that same time span, students at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst paid \$16,278 a year for tuition and fees.

Some STCC students with plans to transfer save money by taking advantage of Commonwealth Commitment, a statewide program that provides financial incentives to students who begin at STCC and then transfer to a state public college or university, including UMass. For example, a Commonwealth Commitment student who started at STCC in fall 2018 and finishes at UMass in spring 2022 will pay \$36,864 in tuition and fees for an associate and bachelor's degree (not including room and board).

College President John B. Cook said STCC – because of its low cost and unique programs – is an appealing choice for families in the region interested in many different education goals.

"As a technical community college, we are one of the most affordable options, with significant pathways into key fields that include health care, computer science, engineering and the creative economy that includes graphic arts. We provide the most direct access point to higher education for our communities, including first-generation college students, students of color and low-income families," Cook said. "Nearly 80 percent of our students receive some form of financial aid."

While some take out loans, community college students have fewer student loans than students in other types of institutions, according to a 2011 study of national post-secondary student aid.

Student Yanira Aviles, of Springfield, said her first semester at STCC was free with help from financial aid programs available at the college. She didn't graduate from high school and took classes at STCC to earn her high school equivalency diploma (HiSET).

"I came in here with what I had – and I didn't have anything," Aviles said. "If it wasn't for STCC's support programs, I don't think I'd be here."

The college offers several programs to help low-income and non-traditional

students achieve academic success, in addition to scholarship opportunities. Services include a food pantry for students facing hardship, tutoring and adult basic education, among other programs.

Interested in applying to STCC? Visit [stcc.edu/apply](http://stcc.edu/apply) or call Admissions at (413) 755-3333.

Founded in 1967 and located on 35 acres of the Springfield Armory National Historic Site, STCC is a major resource for the economic vitality of Western Massachusetts. As one of the most affordable colleges in the region, STCC provides access to higher education for a diverse population, including first-generation college students from low-income families.

A designated Hispanic Serving Institution and the only technical community college in Massachusetts, STCC offers a variety of career programs unequalled in the state. STCC's highly regarded transfer programs in business, engineering, liberal arts, science and technology continue to provide the most economical options for students pursuing a four-year degree.

For more information about STCC, visit [www.stcc.edu](http://www.stcc.edu). Follow us on Facebook, Twitter (@S\_T\_C\_C) and Instagram (@stccpics).

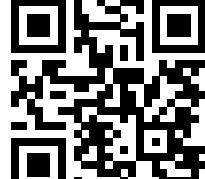
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# Career & EDUCATION

## St. Thomas the Apostle School offers opportunities and encouragement

**S**t. Thomas the Apostle School in West Springfield comes alive each day as students from preschool to grade 8 walk its hallways. Each student is offered a wonderful opportunity to grow and learn from a program that encourages academic excellence, character development and a commitment to serving others with a foundation in gospel values.

Our building houses 20 classrooms, computer lab, large gymnasium, activity room, science lab and a newly renovated library. Our outdoor space allows our students the freedom to make great choices and enjoy the open air. We have a safe, spacious field for soccer and running, black top for games and hoops for basketball. We also have a fenced-in play-yard with a play-scape for our younger children.

We are always excited to show our prospective families our preschool classrooms, as they are bright and welcoming. To be considered for our three year old program, children must

be 3 years old by December 1st.

If you are interested in our kindergarten program, children must 5 years old by September 1st.

We have a wonderful 'Buddy' program where our older students have the opportunity to partner with younger students, creating special crafts, and participate in role-modeling activities during the school day.

Students have the opportunity to participate in many after school clubs during the school year.

Our regular school hours are from 7:35-1:45. We offer an After School Extended Care Program that allows students an extended school day. The program starts directly after school and runs until 5:30.

Our faculty and staff look forward to meeting many new families at our Open House and Registration on Sunday, January 26, 2020 from 12:30-1:30. Please call the school office for more information at (413) 739-4131 or visit our school website at [www.stthomasws.org](http://www.stthomasws.org).

**St. Thomas the Apostle School**  
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## A Career in Head Start

**T**eaching in the early education and care field is a rewarding profession and Holyoke Chicopee Springfield Head Start, Inc. is a great place to have a successful career. The Head Start advantage offers both families and their children, birth to five, an extraordinary school readiness experience. Head Start provides access to high-quality learning, health and nutritional services, mental health services, family engagement opportunities and services to children with special needs.

Educators who decide to teach in a comprehensive early learning setting have the opportunity to work collaboratively with other specialty areas that are designed to prepare vulnerable children for future educational success. Data shows that when children are enrolled in a high quality Head Start program they are better prepared for kindergarten and beyond. One of the secrets to the success of Head Start is the recognition

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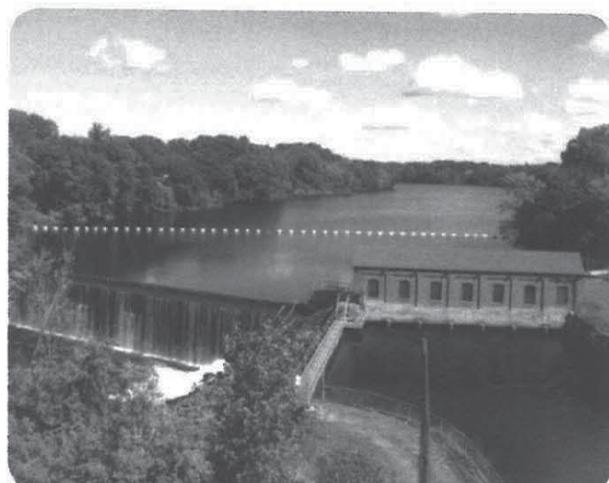
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